



# TOWN OF TRURO

## Conservation Commission

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### Minutes

### Site Visits

November 3, 2014

1:15 P.M. Met at the Cobb Library parking lot.

**Members Present:** Al Silva, Peter Romanelli, Sarah Benjamin, Larry Lown, Diane Messinger

**Others Present:** Emily Beebe-Health/Conservation Field Agent, Nicole Smith-Secretary

**20 Mill Pond:** The Commission viewed the areas where the proposed replacement and new bulkheads would be placed. They discussed questions they would like to ask at the meeting. Two gas containers were found and were leaking.

**60 Depot Rd:** The Commission viewed the area of the two additions on the guest cottage. The type of foundation that will be used was discussed.

**9 Slade Hill Rd:** The Commission viewed the area where the new septic will be placed.

**33 Knowles Heights Rd:** The Commission viewed the area where the replacement beach stairs will be placed. They noted areas lacking vegetation and several dead trees close to the bank.

**455/457 Shore Rd:** The Commission viewed the areas where dumping has occurred. Eleanor Collins was present. Logs have been placed on the property to prevent future dumping and a sign was posted. Some debris still remains but contractors are in line to remove the debris. Commissioners noted that another lot with possible address 462 Shore Rd. had construction debris on it.

**572 Shore Rd:** The Commission viewed the areas where the replacement and slight extension of the walkway will be placed.

4:00 P.M. site visits concluded.

**Regular Meeting**  
**November 3, 2014**  
**6:30 P.M. in Selectman's Meeting Room**

**Members Present:** Al Silva, Peter Romanelli, Sarah Benjamin, Larry Lown  
**Others Present:** Patricia Pajaron-Health/Conservation Agent, Nicole Smith-Secretary

**Motion to approve the October 6, 2014 meeting minutes by Mr. Romanelli and seconded by Mr. Lown. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Public Hearings:**

**20 Mill Pond Rd, Notice of Intent, Land and Sea Engineering for George Reichel, SE# 75-0948:** Mark Burgess presenting. The proposed project is to replace the existing bulkhead and add some new sections of bulkhead. The new bulkhead would be placed landward and a small excavator will be used. The Commission noted the bank is heavily vegetated and not actively eroding. Silva stated that the DEP has concerns. Mean high water is not noted on the plan and a portion of the work will be in the 200ft. riverfront area. This requires that the applicants prove there is not an alternative option that is less invasive. The amount of alteration has not been identified in section B of the NOI. A 401 water quality certification will be needed. A wave action study may need to be done to show the effect of sediment movement in the area. The limit of work will need to be staked and any material will be stockpiled in the driveway or the lawn. Any trees in the way will be flush cut but the stump will not be removed and all disturbed areas will be re-vegetated. Silva stated that a portion of the existing bulkhead is not on the owner's property and that needs to be addressed. Benjamin would like evidence of how much erosion has actually occurred. **Motion to continue at the December 1, 2014 meeting by Romanelli and seconded by Lown. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**572 Shore Rd, Administrative Review/Change in Plans, Mariellen Serena, SE# 75-0919:** The proposed project is the extension and change of materials of existing walkway. The brick will be removed and mahogany will be put down. There will be no excavation. **Motion to approve the change in plans without an amended order by Romanelli and seconded by Lown. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**33 Knowles Heights Rd, Notice of Intent, JM O'Reilly & Associates for JSL Nominee Trust, SE# 75-0950:** The project consists of the replacement of the existing beach stairs. Helical anchors will be used and there will be ½ inch spacing between boards. Batter boards will be installed and there will be a removable section. Non leaching ACQ lumber will be used. The design will try to follow the contour of the bank. The Commission would like re-vegetation and to stabilize the path. Gravel, shells or other similar materials can be used to slow down the water flow. The Commission would like some vegetation added to the top of the bank in order to replace the dead trees. The property owner spoke and does not want removable stairs. The Commission stated an elevated section is acceptable. The owner asked if Love grass could be planted. That plant is not currently on the approved planting list but the Commission will check with a

botanist. **Motion to approve the NOI with the special conditions that water will be diverted on the path, plantings from the approved list are used to re-vegetate the base and side of bank, stumps will be 12” above ground and the stairs should be constructed in a way that they can be removed or elevated. The motion was by Romanelli and seconded by Lown. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**60 Depot Rd, Request for Determination of Applicability, Philip and Linda Herman:** The owners would like to construct a bump out on the west side of the guest cottage and add 72 sq. ft. of storage. Work will take place in the 100 ft. buffer zone. Silva stated that if a frost wall is required excavating will have to be done. The Commission is also concerned about roof run-off. The work limit would have to be delineated and silt fence would have to be used. **Motion to find a negative 3 determination that work is in the buffer zone but will not have a significant impact. There will be special conditions that the excavate will be removed from the site, a work limit will be established, roof run-off will go to gutters and a dry well or drip drain and all disturbed areas will be re-vegetated. Motion by Romanelli and seconded by Lown. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**9 Slade Hill Rd, Notice of Intent, JC Ellis Design for Peter and Jane Allner, SE# 75-0949:** Jason Ellis presenting. The project is for the proposed installation of a new well and new septic system and the abandonment of the existing cesspool. **Motion to approve the Notice of Intent by Romanelli and seconded by Lown. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**1 Merryfield Path, Request to extend use of irrigation system, Tim Callis, SE# 75-0905:** The seed used to replant the buffer zone did not do very well and they would like to use the irrigation in the spring so more plantings can be done. Benjamin suggested using predator urine to keep the rabbits away. **Motion to allow irrigation system to stay in until June 30, 2015 by Benjamin and seconded by Romanelli. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**26 Great Hills Rd, Administrative Review/Change in Plans, Felco Engineering for George Vaida, SE# 75-0819:** They would like to reduce the size of the addition. **Motion to accept revised plan by Benjamin and seconded by Romanelli. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Compliance with Enforcement Orders, 455-457 Shore Rd:** Continued at the request of property owners.

**Administrative Permits:**

**51 Fishermans Rd, William Segal:** Frank Corbin presenting. He would like to plan 15-20 ft. of additional beach grass. Just netting secured by oak stakes would be used. The Truro Conservation Trust gave permission. **Motion to approve the Administrative Permit by Romanelli and seconded by Benjamin. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**48 Collins Rd, Miriam Eisenger:** She would like to remove 5 trees and prune 2 trees that are endangering the house. The stumps will not be removed. **Motion to approve the Administrative Permit by Romanelli and seconded by Benjamin. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**596 Shore Rd, Anchorage on the Bay:** Request to install a temporary biomimicry system from November until April. It will be installed in three areas. The stakes will be alternated to catch sand that blows in both directions. Permission was granted from the other trustees. Agent Pajaron will not release the permit until there is proof that the trustees have given permission. **Motion to approve the Administrative Permit by Romanelli and seconded by Benjamin. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Requests for Certificate of Compliance:**

**539 Shore Rd, Rick Bashian:** Mr. Bashian would like to continue the request until spring.

**Motion to adjourn by Romanelli and seconded by Benjamin. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully,

Nicole Smith  
Conservation Commission Secretary  
Approved 12/1/2014  
4-0-1 with Deborah McCutcheon abstaining